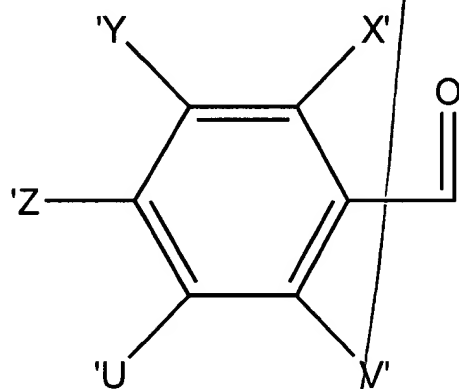


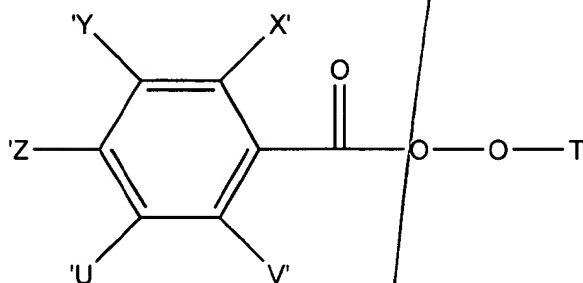
Formula 1

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted C₁ to C₁₈ acyl, optionally substituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl, aroyl defined by formula 2,



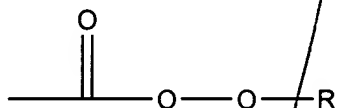
Formula 2

and groups of formula 3,



Formula 3

wherein U, V, X, Y, Z, U', V', X', Y' and Z' are independently selected from the group consisting hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₁₈ alkyl, C₁-C₁₈ alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, acyloxy, aryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, trialkyl silyl, hydroxy, or a moiety of formula 4,



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Formula 4

and wherein T is alkylene;

wherein the melt strength and/or the extensional melt viscosity of the polypropylene

(co)polymer is increased during the melt mixing step.

4. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the initiator is selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl perbenzoate, tert-butyl (methyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-butyl (ethyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-butyl (octyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-butyl (nonyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl perbenzoate, tert-amyl (methyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (ethyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (octyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (nonyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (methoxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (octyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (nonyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl perbenzoate, 2-ethylhexyl (methyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (ethyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (octyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (nonyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (methoxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (ethoxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (octyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), and 2-ethylhexyl (nonyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers).

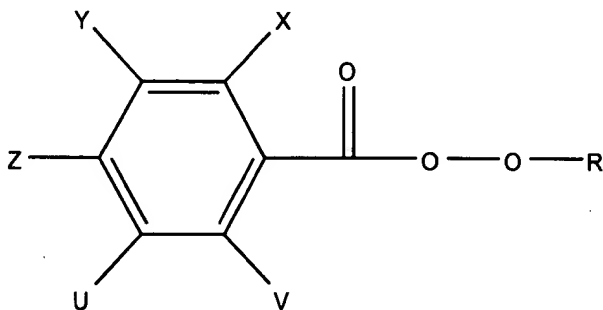
11. (Amended) A process according to claim 10 wherein the initiator is selected from the group consisting of dibenzoyl peroxide, o,o'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, p,p'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, M,M'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, o,m'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, o,p'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, and m,p'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide.

16. (Amended) A process according to claim 12 wherein the initiator is selected from the group consisting of Dibenzoyl peroxide, o,o'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, p,p'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, M,M'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, o,m'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, o,p'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, m,p'-Bis(methylbenzoyl) peroxide, Bis(ethylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(propylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(butylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(pentylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(hexylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(heptylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(octylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(nonylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(methoxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(ethoxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(propoxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(butoxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(pentoxymethylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(hexyloxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(heptyloxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(octyloxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(nonyloxybenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(chlorobenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(fluorobenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(bromobenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(dimethylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(trimethylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(tert-butylbenzoyl)peroxide (all isomers), Bis(di-tert-butylbenzoyl)peroxide (all isomers), Bis(tert-butoxybenzoyl)peroxide (all isomers), Bis(ditrimethylsilylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(heptafluoropropylbenzoyl) peroxide (all isomers), Bis(2,4-dimethyl-6-trimethylsilyl benzoyl) peroxide and isomers, 2,2'(dioxydicarbonyl) bis - Benzoic acid dibutyl ester, tert-butyl perbenzoate, tert-butyl (methyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-butyl (ethyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-butyl (octyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-butyl (nonyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl perbenzoate, tert-amyl (methyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (ethyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (octyl)perbenzoate (all isomers),

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 tert-amyl (nonyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (methoxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (octyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), tert-amyl (nonyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl perbenzoate, 2-ethylhexyl (methyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (ethyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (octyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (nonyl)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (methoxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (ethoxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (octyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), 2-ethylhexyl (nonyloxy)perbenzoate (all isomers), Bis (tertbutylmonoperoxy phthaloyl) diperoxy terephthalate, Bis (tertamylmonoperoxy phthaloyl) diperoxy terephthalate diacetyl phthaloyl diperoxide, dibenzoyl phthaloyl diperoxide, bis(4 methylbenzoyl) phthaloyl diperoxide, diacetyl terephthaloyl di peroxide, dibenzoyl terephthaloyl diperoxide and Poly[dioxycarbonyldioxy(1,1,4,4-tetramethyl-1,4-butanediyl)] peroxide.

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 (Amended) A modified polypropylene produced according to claim 1.

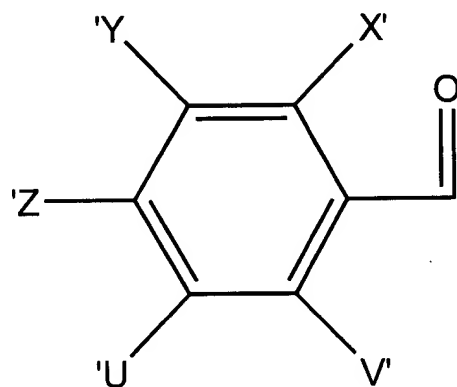
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 (Amended) A process for modifying an α -olefin polymer wherein said process comprises melt mixing the α -olefin polymer in the presence of an initiator and optionally a monoene monomer wherein said initiator is selected from the group defined by formula 1.



Formula 1

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted C₁ to C₁₈ acyl,

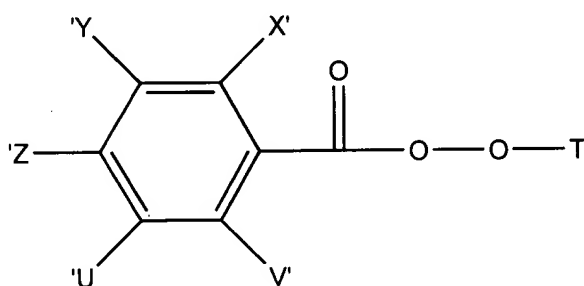
optionally substituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl, aroyl defined by formula 2,



Formula 2

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and groups of formula 3,

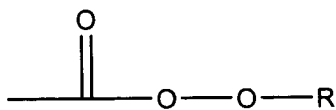


Formula 3

wherein U, V, X, Y, Z, U', V', X', Y' and Z' are independently selected from the group consisting

hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₁₈ alkyl, C₁-C₁₈ alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, acyloxy, aryl, carboxy,

alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, trialkyl silyl, hydroxy, or a moiety of formula 4,



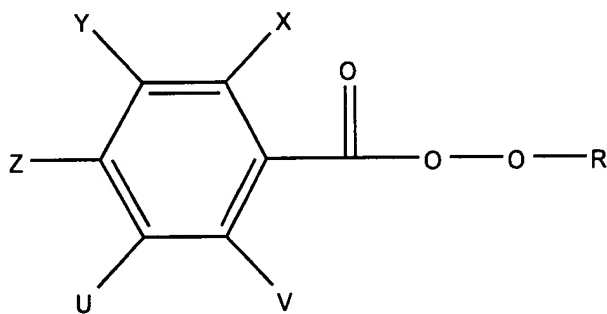
Formula 4

and wherein T is alkylene;

and wherein the amount of monomer is 0 to 3 times the total moles of initiator.--

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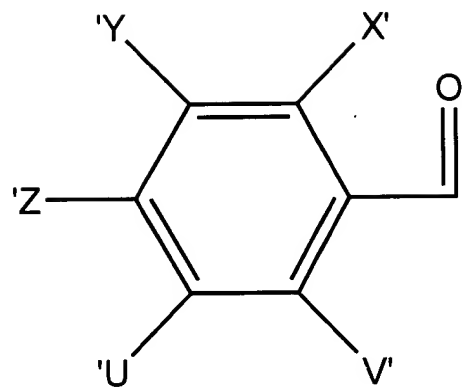
--20.19 (New) A process for increasing the melt strength and/or the extensional melt viscosity of a polypropylene (co)polymer, the process comprising melt mixing a polypropylene (co)polymer in the presence of an initiator and styrene wherein said initiator is selected from the group defined by formula 1:



Formula 1

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted C₁ to C₁₈ acyl, optionally substituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl, aroyl defined by formula 2,

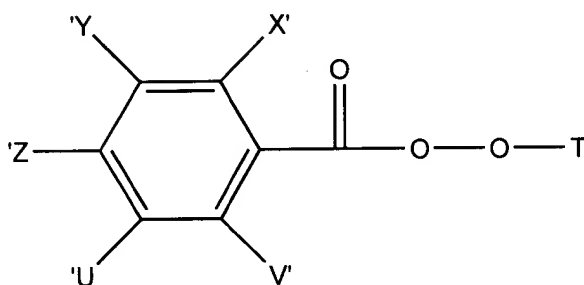
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Formula 2

and groups of formula 3,

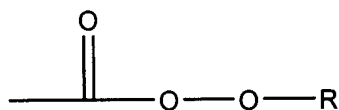
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Formula 3

wherein U, V, X, Y, Z, U', V', X', Y' and Z' are independently selected from the group consisting
hydrogen, halogen, C1-C18 alkyl, C1-C18 alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, acyloxy, aryl, carboxy,
alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, trialkyl silyl, hydroxy, or a moiety of formula 4,

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Formula 4

and wherein T is alkylene, and where styrene is up to five times the total moles of initiator;

wherein the melt strength and/or the extensional melt viscosity of the polypropylene

(co)polymer is increased during the melt mixing step.--

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